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MORE TALK.

INTERMINABLE REPARATIONS.

FRANCE REPLIES.

HAGGLING WHILE EUROPE CRUMBLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 22.

The annexe to France's reparation note says that France never suggested she would abandon the Ruhr immediately resistance ceased and before payment was completed. France refuses to accept the threat of an appeal to the League of Nations.

The British view of inter-Allied debts does not accord with French interests because thereunder the Allied debtors of Britain would make good what Germany failed to pay of Britain's debt to the United States which France contends is practically identical with Britain's share of the A and B bonds.

If the British Cabinet is unable to accord priority in respect of reparations, France will be forced rigorously to adhere to the treaty figures. France ardently desires peace, but the restoration of Europe is impossible except by the observance of treaties. France is conscious of her loyalty to her engagements to her Allies and is resolved never to disown them.

RUHR INVASION LEGAL.

LATER.

A general statement says that the legality of the occupation of the Ruhr is justified by the Treaty, by the Spa Protocol of July 1920, the London Declaration of March 1921 and the ultimatum of the Supreme Council of May 1921. Nevertheless the German Government affects to regard the occupation as an act of hostility organised not passive but by active and violent resistance. Therefore the cessation of resistance is a necessary antecedent to further conversation with Germany.

The resistance is not merely contrary to the Treaty but is contrary to the interests of Germany, for whom it is growing more costly than free compliance with her obligations. The occupation of the Ruhr would be modified when the resistance ceases, but would continue under very different conditions, subject to progressive evacuation proportionately to the payments.

GRAB DENIED.

The statement reiterates that France has no political annexationist aims and does not desire to remain in the Ruhr longer than is necessary. The time when the payment is made depends on Germany's own will. The statement instances the rapidity of Austria's recovery when Austria decided to make an effort. To ask France to act differently was tantamount in Mr. Lloyd George's words in March 1921 of the vanquished reaping the fruits of victory.

The statement denies French claims are of the nature to crush Germany. France advanced huge sums to Germany's account and cannot suspend the work of reconstruction, nor continue indefinitely at her own expense. France never repudiated her war debts to America, or England. She is herself a creditor of the other Allies to the extent of five or six milliards of gold marks.

REWARDING FRAUD.

The statement insists that the framers of the treaty considered that damages relating to persons and property should be given priority over war debts. To estimate Germany's future capacity to pay at the very time she has succeeded in momentarily bankrupting herself would be equivalent to rewarding fraud and enable her to make a fresh start soon to flaunt her triumphant prosperity in the face of her needy creditors.

The statement points out that France and Belgium hold sixty per cent. of the Allies' claims on Germany. Therefore if the question is to be regarded merely as a business matter, what would be said of a company in which the holders of sixty per cent. of the shares might be put in a minority by the holders of twenty per cent.

The statement concludes that Britain should be the first to realise that to pay her debts, France must recover her taxable capacity to be in a position to meet German competition. "It is doubtless in England's interest that Germany should recover but certainly it cannot be in England's interest that France should be debased."

PAIRS, August 22.

There is a solid feeling of satisfaction in political circles in the matter and form of President Poincare's note. The development of events is awaited with confidence, the feeling being that the absence of recrimination will facilitate a continuance of negotiations. The evening papers describe the note as friendly, moderate and clear. The journal *Disdebat* says while nothing in the note renders the entente difficult to maintain, nothing therein facilitates it. The *Temps* hopes that Britain will now explain how she wishes to be paid.

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RECORD REYNOLDS PRICE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 22.

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[Sir Joshua Reynolds was the first President of the Royal Academy and the most eminent English painter of his time. He devoted the greater part of his talent to portrait painting, and his easel furnished fine examples of contemporary royal and noble people. Sir Joshua Reynolds died in 1792.]

COAL STRIKE THREAT.

AMERICA PREPARED.

WASHINGTON, August 22.

According to a Government survey in connection with the threatened strike, national stocks of coal will suffice to supply national requirements for over four months.

MOROCCAN TROUBLE.

THE SPANISH CASUALTIES.

MADRID, August 23.

The Spanish losses at Tiferauin were: one officer killed and three wounded, 46 Spanish soldiers killed and 36 native groups killed.

[An earlier cable reported from Melilla (Morocco) that a force of native levies landed at Afran and occupied positions near Tiferauin.]

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

BRITISH BUSINESS MISSION.

MOSCOW, August 23.

The party of British traders visiting Russia, has left en route for Petrograd, Helsingfors and London. It is understood they are satisfied with the possibilities of a regular business increase on the basis of future contracts. They left behind an office and staff.

LOSING MONEY.

BERLIN TRAMS STOP RUNNING.

BERLIN, August 22.

The municipality has decided in consequence of the enormous losses on the tramways to suspend the services and dismiss the employees whilst making utmost efforts to resume as early as possible.

SIGNIFICANT?

RIGA, August 22.

A message from Moscow states that the French Senator Demozie, who is touring Russia, has conferred with Mr. Chicherin, Foreign Affairs Commissar, several times during the past few days.

WILLS AND FIRPO.

NEW YORK, August 22.

The manager of Wills declares that Wills will not fight Firpo unless the latter defeats Dempsey. [An earlier cable stated that Firpo had signed a contract to fight Wills at Buenos Aires in April, regardless of the outcome of the Firpo-Dempsey fight on September 14.]

REPORT DENIED.

BERLIN, August 22.

It is officially denied that Herr Hayenstein has resigned.

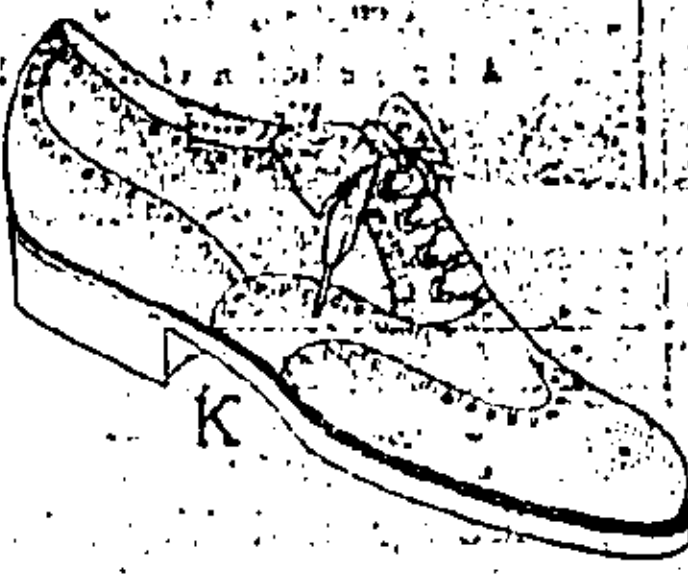
[An earlier cable stated that the resignation of Herr Hayenstein, President of the Reichsbank, who was accused of responsibility for the mark slump, was expected consequent on the ultimatum from the Socialists.]

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, August 22.

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- "Sale" includes any transaction in which intoxicating liquor is supplied for any consideration whatsoever, direct or indirect.
- (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, no person shall sell any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or at any licensed premises except for cash.
- (2) Sub-section (1) of this section shall not apply to the following:—
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(c) any sale in accordance with the conditions of his licence by the holder of a restaurant adjacent licence.
- Where any intoxicating liquor is sold by a servant or employee in contravention of section 3 of this Ordinance the employer, whether a natural person or a body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance unless he proves affirmatively that the sale was against his express orders and without his consent or connivance.
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WALTER J. HAWKER,
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Hongkong, 15th August, 1923.

MAIL [WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

A donation of £1,200 has been made by Mrs. Berry Jones, Mr. Gomer Berry, and Sir W. E. Berry for the endowment of a bed in the Martha's General Hospital, to be named after their late mother.

The American naval balloon A6698, which started from Indianapolis in the National Balloon Race, has been found on Lake Erie, near Port Stanley. The bag was partly inflated, but the basket was missing, and it is feared that the occupants, Lieutenants Roth and Null, have been drowned.

Three boys being missing, the police dragged the Grand Surrey Canal, and found the bodies of Jimmy Gibbs and Sydney Newman, 5½ and 4½ years respectively, with that of another boy, H. Andrews, address unknown, aged about 10. It is presumed that the last-named was drowned in attempting to rescue the other two.

In the lumber rooms of the Akademie Galerie at Vienna the director, Dr. Eigenberger, has just discovered eight important pictures by old masters. Five are by Rubens and the others by Van Dyck, Jan Steen, and Philip Wouwerman. The total value of the finds is estimated at several hundred million crowns.

At the Hyde Park and Polmadie Works of the North British Locomotive Company, Glasgow, notices were posted intimating that the Fair holidays have been extended to three weeks. Owing to slack trade only about half the usual number of men are employed. The same Company's Atlas Works were closed down some time ago.

It is stated that a syndicate has secured a concession from the Greek Government giving them permission to search for the recovery of treasure sunk in the combined Turkish and Egyptian fleets at the battle of Navarino in 1827 by the British, French, and Russian Fleet. The lost treasure is estimated at about £9,000,000.

A new musical prodigy has been discovered in the person of a boy of 5½ years named Pietro Mazzini, who is attracting enormous attention in musical circles in Paris. It is told of the child that when only two years of age he was able to sing Italian operatic airs quite correctly. He began to play on the piano in November, and has an extensive repertoire.

Sir Robert Blair, education officer to the L.C.C., will retire next year, and the General Purposes Committee suggests arranging now for the appointment of a successor at a salary of £2,000 a year (the same as received by Sir Robert).

Mrs. Madelin Wachendorf, daughter of Sir John Brickwood, chairman of Brickwood & Co., Ltd., brewers, of Portsmouth, and wife of an official of the German Forestry Service, was drowned with her 11-years-old son Hans in the River Elbe, which runs past their home in Germany.

News was received by Sir John Brickwood in London that his daughter, Mrs. Madeline Mary Wachendorf, wife of Forest-Master Franz Wachendorf, and her eleven-year-old son, Hans, were drowned while bathing in the River Elbe, which runs past their home in Germany. The deceased woman was aged 41.

"I am sorry it is not in my power to order you both to be flogged," said Alderman Sir Charles Johnston at the Guildhall when sentencing George Bilson, coal merchant, of Bournemouth-road Peckham, S.E., to a month's imprisonment, and William Ernest Dent, carman to 14, for cruelty to a cob by working it while it was lame and unfit for work.

The Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department (Lt-Col. Buckley), in reply to a question in the House of Commons said formal confirmation has been given to the rates submitted by the Port Pilotage Authority on the understanding that it will be open to the pilots to make further representations at the end of six months from the date of confirmation.

Mr. Bruce, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, speaking at Melbourne at a commercial travellers' dinner, said that he intended, after the Imperial Conference, to visit the great cities in every part of the British Isles to stir Britain's emigrants about the possibilities of Australia for the absorption of British immigrants and as a market for products of the Motherland.

As a result of the experience gained in connection with the 17 automatic telephone exchanges already in operation in England, it has been decided by the postal authorities to develop the telephone system largely in the future by plant of a similar nature. Specifications are being prepared for an automatic telephone exchange at Kirkcaldy along with many others in various parts of Great Britain.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUG. 23, 1926.

CHILDREN AND WAR.

Those who know tell us that it is to be another war similar to the one now variously known as The War, the Great War, Armageddon, etc., it is impossible for civilisation to survive. It may be so. Norman Angell in a famous book predicted that no great European war could last out three days or three weeks. That prediction was not fulfilled. However no person in his sane senses wishes to have the horrors which commenced in 1914 and continued for so long, and whose effect we are suffering from at the present moment, repeated. The solution of the problem appears to rest with the children of the present generation and those who have the responsible duty of directing their education and their outlook. Peace cannot be taught as one would teach civics, but it is possible to inculcate a right outlook on life in the thoughts of children which will make them safe citizens of the world, and make them see clearly in times of international misunderstanding. If therefore the world is to be made a place fit to live in, it must be done through the children of every land. The sense of patriotism need not be relinquished, but it should be enlarged and broadened to include an international feeling of amity goodwill and understanding. A working group of English-speaking nations could do much toward the establishment of permanent international peace, not because no other group of nations could accomplish this, but because the

English-speaking nations are already bound together by a common language and a common interest, and have therefore a great advantage over any other group. The interchange of teachers between England and Canada and the Rhodes scholars have already made an exchange of educational methods and ideas between North America and England. A closer union of English-speaking nations would deepen these already established channels of relationship and prove a beginning of international understanding and unity among all countries. The National Union of Teachers, in England, numbers 122,000 English educators. It is impossible to predict the influence of such a body and such a number exerting its influence in the cause of peace on the young mind, beyond saying that such effort would unquestionably be for the world's good. A well known Roman Catholic divine has given it that if he had control of the child mind of England Roman Catholicism would ere long become a world force. The inference is obvious: commence with the young. Inculcate in them the horrors of war and the blessings of peace, and war or the idea of war will become a dead letter.

Manlaughter or Murder?

And the typhoon and its aftermath not monopolised the public attention during the earlier part of the week there would surely have been some comments made on the surprising finish to the murder trial on Tuesday when a young Indian guard who was charged with the shooting of a Chinese got off with 18 months imprisonment for manslaughter. The Crown case was that at the Quarry Bay excavations the prisoner, in defiance of instructions, went into a raptorial with a loaded musket while on duty, and there deliberately shot a Chinese

who was at work. When about half the Crown witnesses had been heard, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who offered the prisoner, got up and offered the Attorney-General a remarkable *quid pro quo*. The defence found themselves unable to answer a charge of manslaughter, since the man had disobeyed explicit orders not to load his rifle except in emergency, but it was submitted that the shooting was accidental. Mr. Jenkin therefore undertook to withdraw his plea of not guilty to the murder charge if the Crown would accept in its stead a plea of guilty to manslaughter. Mr. Kemp accepting, the jury formally brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter and the prisoner, who 10 minutes earlier had been in serious danger of hanging, was congratulating himself on escaping with a light jail sentence. Whether or not the man actually was guilty of murder is not for us to say nor was it in this case, we think, for the Attorney-General to decide. But we do maintain that the case having once gone to the jury it should have been left to them to determine, as the Judge would undoubtedly have asked them to do, whether the man was guilty of murder or whether there was a reasonable doubt of his being guilty of murder he was guilty of something else. The Chief Justice himself evidently found some difficulty in appreciating the Attorney-General's attitude because he expressed the opinion that had the evidence as a whole been put to the jury and they had believed one of the Crown witnesses (presumably the one who swore at the Magistrate to having seen the Indian point his rifle at the dead man) it would have been open to them to have found the prisoner guilty of murder. By that and subsequent remarks the Chief Justice seems to have gone as far as he could, without overstepping the bounds of impartiality imposed by his position, towards indicating that he thought the case should have gone to the jury and that it largely depended upon the jury's opinion of this witness' evidence whether or not a murder charge could be sustained. Now this particular witness had not given evidence when the interruption occurred so that the jury had no opportunity of forming an opinion, let alone expressing one, and the Attorney-General clearly, it appears to us, usurped their peculiar function. Mr. Kemp's position in the matter indeed seems wholly indefensible. If he thought the evidence too slender to support a murder charge he should not have permitted the prisoner to be put through the ordeal of a murder trial and to be kept in fear of his life for many days. If on the other hand he felt there was a reasonably strong *prima facie* case, albeit it contained some element of doubt, it was for the jury, and not for him, to decide whether that doubt was sufficiently strong to justify a manslaughter verdict instead of a verdict of murder.

France's Birth Rate.

Despite the strenuous efforts made in France recently to check the decline in the birth-rate and to reduce the rate of infant mortality, the depopulation of France continues at a rate which is giving rise to growing alarm among scientists and economists. A particularly bad feature of this depopulation is the extent to which it is due to the wastage of infant life. Dr. Wallich, Professor of Obstetrics in the Paris Faculty of Medicine, who bases his statement on recent statistics, has just declared that of newly-born children put out to nurse, some 50 per cent. are doomed to death through the carelessness or ignorance of their nurses. In the first ten days of last month 255 newly-born children in Paris were put out to nurse, and of these only one was to be naturally fed. Between the 21st and 31st of the same month 370 children were similarly handed over by their parents to the care of others. Fifty per cent. of these children are condemned to death," said Dr. Wallich. He pleaded for an extension through France of university crèches similar to those already established in Paris, in which children are nursed under professional supervision. Until this was done there would continue, he said, to be a wastage which, quite apart from sentiment, France could not afford. It appears that at over 40,000 French children die during their first year from lack of proper care. Yet the birth-rate here is only seven per 10,000 inhabitants, while in Germany it is 141, in England 115, in Austria 114, and in Italy 113. Such a comparison seems sufficiently alarming, but M. Justin Godart, an ex-Minister, has pointed out a fact which is still more likely to rouse Frenchmen to a realisation of the imminent danger which this rate of depopulation presents. Unless there is an immediate improvement, the population of France will actually be diminishing in 1926 at the rate of 250,000 a year.

Today's Poem.

(The City Fountain.)

Brightly sparkling crystal fountain,
In the shady city square!
There's a delight in every ripple,
As your waters spray the air!
There's a subtle, fond persuasion
In your silent invitation
For an hour's relaxation,
Seated in the shadow dim.
And with interest never ending,
To your side our footsteps wending,
We accept your call, unbending,
For the noise from duties grim.
Watching in a restful silence,
Flow, through leafy trees, away,
Sunbeams from a million rainbows,
As they strike your falling spray.
Watching, too, the happy sparrows
Gay disporting on your brink;
Watching swallows skim your surface;
And the dainty pigeons drink.
Ah, we need you, gurgling fountain,
In the shady city square,
Beckoning the busy traveller
Of the crowded thoroughfare.
—E. M. CORDESS.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 23.—Coronet Theatre;
"Nanook of the North."
August 23.—Star Theatre;
"The Fighting Guide," and
"Dewdrop Inn."
August 23.—World Theatre;
at 5:15 p.m., Bessie Barriscale in
"Life's Test"; at 9:15 p.m.,
"Atlantide."

SOCIAL.

September 1.—Promenade Concert at Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters 9:15 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

August 24.—Lamert Bros., at York Buildings (Top Floor) a quantity of office furniture and fittings, 11 a.m.

MEETINGS.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

THE JEWELL

A slave could not attend a queen,
E'en though attached for life;
As faithfully as did Ah Chien
Who served my little wife.

"Oh, hubby-dear, 'tis wonderful,
I never comes within my room
Until I'm dressed complete!"

"That's good Ah Chien, (said I)
You're trained.
I wonder how you tell
That Missie's finished dressing:
You seem to know so well!"

Ah Chien replied: "Him Number
One
B'long popper talkie me;
No come when Missie no have
clothes—
First make key-hole see!"

—JOHN KYOTO.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

During the 24 hours ended August 21, two cases of small-pox were reported. One patient is British, the other Chinese.

A *Reuter* cable from Melbourne states that the Pan-Pacific Science Congress has concluded. The members have left for Sydney.

On the London Exchange Market, cables *Reuter*, the mark reached forty million to the pound sterling, and closed at twenty-seven million.

A *Reuter* cable from Tokyo dated August 22, states that the "President Grant" sailed for Shanghai the previous afternoon, after the fire had been extinguished. The damage is stated to be not so great as was at first reported.

The s.s. "Suisang" built to the order of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is to be launched on Thursday the 30th inst.

The following extracts from the *London Gazette* are published in Command Orders—Infantry—King's Regt.—R.S.M. Charles Mitchell to be Quartermaster with the rank of Lieut. July 14, 1923; Memoranda—Lieut. and Temp. Ordnance Officer 4th Class H. T. Bell, h.p. list, late R.F.A. is restored to full pay whilst employed with the R.A.O.C. July 14, 1923; Royal Army Ordnance Corps—The undermentioned Ordnance Officers, 3rd Class and Majors to be Ordnance Officers 2nd Class with the rank of Lieut-Colonel May, 30, 1923: Bt. Lieut-Colonel B. A. Hill, D.S.O.

KOWLOON POLICE.

GOVERNMENT ANSWERS CRITICISM.

"The Government cannot agree that the Kowloon Police Force is altogether inadequate, or that life and property in Kowloon are dangerously unsafe." This statement was made by the Colonial Secretary in a letter sent to the Kowloon Residents' Association and considered by the General Committee this week. The Hon. Mr. Fletcher added that the strength of the Police Force in Kowloon had been increased recently and would be further increased if the occasion so demanded.

POSTAL FACILITIES.

The Postmaster-General wrote to the Association stating that in future whenever a mail for Europe, America, India or Australia is due to be despatched on a general holiday (other than Sunday, Xmas Day or China New Year's Day) by a ship scheduled to sail or after 1:30 p.m., the Kowloon Branch Post Office will be open for business until, and close a mail at 11 a.m. In case of earlier sailing the office will close about two and a half hours before sailing time.

TYPHOON SIGNALS.

Answering the Association's suggestion that signals should be displayed when the ferry had stopped running during typhoon weather, the Government wrote that it was considered inadvisable to display the proposed signals from Signal Hill because of possible confusion with weather signals. The most at the Water Police Station was not suitable for the purpose. An alteration in the mast at the Observatory in connection with wireless telegraphy was under consideration, and the display of the suggested signal would be considered in the same connection.

"THE FIGHTING GUIDE."

WILLIAM DUNCAN AT THE STAR.

William Duncan, in "The Fighting Guide," which commences at the Star to-day, has a story that fits him. He has sussed its possibilities and has made the most of them. The mere plot is one that starts a chuckle. Imagine a petulant, overfed and overindulged nobleman with his fat valet, setting out on a trip across the Canadian Rockies in the tender care of one of the greatest guides in the north woods, Ned Lightning. Ned patiently loads himself and his Indian helper with bathtub, golf clubs, reclining chair, umbrellas and the thousand or so incongruous necessities of his Lordship. A week out he blows up and decides to do some of the tending himself. A letter in one of the nobleman's coats, which has been appropriated by Ned, sets him on a series of remarkable adventures, which make a picture with some humour of a high quality.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The dead body of Wu Wing, a coolie aged 30, formerly living at Shek-O, has been removed from beneath a mat-shed which was wrecked during the typhoon.

Causeway Bay breakwater was badly damaged during the typhoon, according to police reports. Three junks were sunk near the sea-wall in front of Jardine, Matheson's Sugar Refinery.

Advices from Chinkiang state that the British Consul, Mr. E. A. Sly, was found dead, with his throat cut, in his bath-room on August 20. An inquest is being held, cables *Reuter* from Shanghai.

According to a *Reuter* message the Soviet has appropriated 185 thousand gold roubles for the purpose of renewing telegraphic communication on the Persian frontier via Kislarwat, Polteratsk and Gaudan.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning, the "Yara" case was again mentioned in which four Chinese are charged with conspiracy to steal 8,452 roubles of ammunition from a Norwegian vessel. Mr. King, D.S.P., informed the Court that the prosecution intended to prefer an additional charge of larceny. The case was set down for hearing next Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

A Chinese coolie, employed at the Naval Yard, charged with stealing a block and tackle valued at \$43, was before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. He was arrested by an Indian watchman coming out of the gate with the block and tackle wrapped in his overcoat. He admitted all knowledge of how it got there, but his plea was unavailing and he was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

BREAKING RULES.

KOWLOON FERRY AMENITIES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—As you may know, and very rightly too, the Ferry steamers being run for the general public, just as a railway company runs its trains for the convenience and comfort of the general public, certain rules are generally exhibited on such ferries or railway carriages that such and such thing is "strictly prohibited," for instance on certain railway carriages or compartments "No smoking is allowed" or "Passengers are requested not to expectorate on the floor" and so on. The Ferry steamers running between Kowloon and Hongkong very rightly have notices as the following exhibited in English and Chinese:—

"Passengers are requested not to put their feet on the seats" and

"No smoking and no spitting on the floor" in one cabin on each ferry boat.

Such being the case, naturally one would expect these notices to be observed explicitly, but a case occurred recently, sometime in June this year, when a resident of Kowloon was occupying the cabin, where it distinctly has in English and Chinese "No smoking" and "No spitting" (or some words to that effect, I may not be quite exact as to the right wording). Besides the writer there were two ladies and some other men, and two citizens of Manila. One of them was smoking a cigarette, and, as I am conversant with the law, I naturally drew the attention of the smoker to the notice, when he immediately stopped smoking, but his fellow companion, a national of Manila also, asked his companion for a cigarette and began to smoke also and told the other to smoke, whereupon I again drew the second man's attention to the notice, but he refused to take any notice of me and defied even the Captain Superintendent of Police to rebuke him and that I was at liberty to prosecute him. A member of the crew also drew his attention to the notice but he was ignored. When the ferry arrived at Hongkong, the second man in question of the two mentioned, attacked the writer and asked to be taken to the C.S.P. and started to use abusive language and threats. Some two days later the writer was returning to Kowloon, and the two identical men happened to be passengers by the same ferry, who alighted at Kowloon. The second man of the two mentioned, actually assaulted me and began to use most vile and abusive language and threats, and when the writer tried to avoid him by engaging a ricksha, the second of the two only, followed the ricksha and began to use the same threats and abusive language, this was done a third time when the writer happened to meet the two same men in Kowloon. So much for asking a passenger to refrain from smoking in a cabin which is marked "No smoking etc."

Again, on Tuesday last the 21st instant, in the same cabin, where it has the notice "No smoking etc." there were a couple of ladies and other men in the compartment, together with a local architect apparently, because he had some house plans with him, and with him were three Chinese passengers in the same compartment who also had plans, apparently accompanying the architect, smoking away at lib, one of the Chinese men actually spitting the butt end of his cigar on to the floor, while the English architect (?) had his pipe but was not smoking at the time. In this case the writer was not in the compartment but for this reason did not draw the attention of the smokers to the notice. The purport of this letter is to ask whether such notices exhibited are really meant to be observed or not, if they are to be observed then surely the ferry management should instruct their staff on the ferries to prevent passengers from smoking only in the cabin which is marked so and also to prevent the public generally from putting their muddy shoes on to the seats and that behind ladies. Naturally in one's home or private conveyance etc., one may do as he likes but in a public conveyance where notices are exhibited, prohibiting smoking and putting up of the feet on the seats, especially when ladies are seated in front of them, is far from being pleasant and playing the game. Obedience to all laws is the greatest asset for the welfare of any civilised nation or citizen, and indeed the whole Christian moral is based on "OBEDIENCE." I trust the management of the Star Ferry company will see to it that such irregularities are not allowed. They have some kind of staff or crew on each ferry and it is up to these men to make it a point of duty to see off and on that such irregularities are not contravened.

Thanking you Sir for any attention you may give this letter, and at the same time apologising for such a lengthy complaint, but I had to recapitulate former instances to connect the latest irregularity.

Yours etc.

KOWLOONITE.

Kowloon, August 23.

A WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE DOLLARS.

The holder of the following theatre programme is requested to forward it to the China Mail office when a coupon to the value of \$5 will be issued which may be changed for goods to the same value with any of the advertisers in the China Mail.

Star Theatre Programme No. 49 issued Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22.
Patrons of the three Cinema Theatres, the Coronet, Star and World are advised to retain their programmes and study the number to be found on the front page.

WATER POLO.

FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN LEAGUE.

[BY ARGUS.]

At the V.R.C. swimming pool, last night, the R.G.A. seniors proved far too good for the juniors, winning by 8-0. In the first half they scored on six occasions. McDade got the first two goals early in the game. Reddick scored the third after a foul against the juniors. After a corner to the B team, Lelliot obtained possession, sending a long pass to Harris who registered number four; McDade scored the fifth and Reddick the sixth. After the interval, Harris scored the seventh from a pass by Lelliot and McDade obtained the final point just before the end.

Teams:—
R.G.A. (A):—Kyte (goal); Lelliot, Hitchens (backs); McDade (half-back); Reddick, Harris (forwards).

R.G.A. (B):—Oram (goal); Doggerell, Baker (backs); Woolley (half-back); Collyer, Barton, Poulton.

Referee:—Mr. G. T. May.

THE SECOND GAME.

In the second match, the R.A.M.C. created somewhat of a surprise by preventing the L.R.C. from scoring in the first half. Though they failed to score themselves, they had slightly the better of the exchanges. In the second half, a mistake between the R.A.M.C. defence allowed Carvalho to score when McCurrach was out of goal, and Marcal added a second point with a shot which gave the goalie no chance. After this double reverse, the R.A.M.C. played harder than ever, but lack of combination spoilt most of the attacks and the L.R.C. won by 2-0. Teams:—

L.R.C.:—Rosa (goal); Silva, Cruz (backs); Marcal (half-back); Rocha, Carvalho, Pereira (forwards).

R.A.M.C.:—McCurrach (goal); Bakken, Pigott (backs); Percy (half-back); Tidd, Chilton, Miles (forwards).

Referee:—Mr. G. T. May.

CORONER'S ENQUIRY.

ACCIDENT CAUSED DEATH OF JAPANESE CYCLIST.

In his capacity as Coroner, Mr. J. R. Wood held an enquiry into the cause of the death of a Japanese shoemaker, named Sujita, of 18, D'Agulira Street, who died in the Government Civil Hospital on August 10th, from a compound fracture of the left leg. Sitting with the Coroner was a representative from the Japanese Consulate, Messrs. G. Mellis, A. I. Mohamed and J. M. O. Remedios were on the jury.

The Japanese met his death as the result of a collision between his motor cycle and a tram car near the London Mission Chapel at Yee Woo Street, on the morning of August 9. Evidence was given by the driver of the tram in question that he was going towards Whitty Street when the collision occurred. He did not notice the deceased until the head of his car had met that of another tram coming from the opposite direction behind which the man was riding. The deceased swerved to the right hand side and collided with the outside corner of the tram. The tram-driver sounded the foot gong and applied the emergency brake, but it was too late. The cycle went on for about 45 feet before it was pulled up. I Deceased was unconscious when picked up.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, of the Government Civil Hospital, said he operated on the deceased. The man, however, did not recover from the shock, which caused his death. After several other witnesses had been called the Coroner, in reviewing the evidence, said it was quite clear that what had happened had been an accident and it was equally clear that any blame in the matter rested principally, if not wholly, with the deceased. The Coroner also said that obviously there was not gross negligence on the part of the tram-driver and suggested that the jury bring in a verdict of accidental death.

A verdict to that effect, with a rider that no blame was attached to the tram driver, was accordingly returned.

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COMMERCIAL.

STANDARD EGG GRADE
NEEDED.

CHANCE FOR PIONEER.

Few of the European export merchants know that there is a large turnover in the export of eggs to the Philippine Islands. This trade is at present controlled by about ten Chinese firms who have business connections with other Chinese merchants in Manila. The quality exported is what is commonly known to house-servants as "cooking-eggs" these being slightly inferior to "tea-eggs". The former come from Swatow while the latter are products of Canton.

Local exporters buy their supplies from importers with headquarters at Wing Sing Street. They then sort them and pack them in stout baskets lined with straw, usually 1,000 in each package which is covered and secured by boards and crossed sticks tied with ropes. This system of packing has seldom been found to fail and breakage is rare even on rough journeys.

It is not suggested for a moment that European merchants with Philippine connections should try to cut in where the Chinese are trading. What is meant is that at present there is no clarified system whereby grading can be standardised. In summer especially, some of the products shipped away have been found to be rather "high" to put it mildly and in the fall when Tientsin is not frozen some percentage of Northern eggs find their way into the shipments. The writer believes that if a European exporter cares to pioneer and standardise, ample reward will follow. There are a number of firms in the Islands which would welcome openings.

In Hongkong eggs are cheapest during the summer when the average Swatow article sells at from \$1.65 to \$1.85 per 100. In the cold months large lots could be booked at between \$1.85 to \$2.10 per 100 while in exceptional circumstances they may even be as high as \$2.25. Canton eggs of the best quality would fetch wholesale an average of 30 to 45 cents per 100 higher than the Swatow product, while the Tientsin and Shanghai eggs are a few cents cheaper than the Swatow article.

There is a rich field to develop. The question of getting Chinese poultry farmers to modernise their appliances will arise when they find more markets for their products. At present there is ample freight space although cold storage may have to be considered in the hot months.

The *China Mail* will be glad to give information and assistance to readers who may desire to go into the business, on application.

COMPANY REPORT.

NETHERLANDS TRADING PAY
SIX PER CENT.

We have received from the manager of the local branch Maatschappij (Netherlands Trading Society) a copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending December 31, 1922. It was presented at the annual general meeting held in Amsterdam on July 6 last. The net profits amounted to \$5,619,847.28 (\$468,321), out of which, after providing for the statutory reserve, to the extent of \$3,323,969.56 (\$269,997), a dividend of 6 per cent. has been declared.

TRADE OF KOWLOON.

In his report for 1922, Mr. C. Thorne, the Commissioner of Customs at Kowloon, states:—In spite of strikes and political upheavals, the figures for the year 1922 for trade coming under the cognizance of the Kowloon Customs both by junk and rail show an advance on all previous years. The value of the junk-borne trade amounted to HK. \$75,000,000, against HK. \$72,700,000 in 1921; whilst that of the rail-borne trade reached the high figure of HK. \$16,400,000, as compared with HK. \$14,200,000 for the previous year. Value nearer to normal for the volume of junk-borne trade could be obtained by deducting the amount of rice imported from Siam owing to the close-

ing to Kwangtung province of the usually abundant granaries of Kwangsi. The resulting figures will then be HK. \$15,500,000, against HK. \$15,100,000 in 1921. The very great increase in the value of the rail-borne trade is accounted for by the entire suspension for nearly two months in the early part of the year of steamer traffic between Hongkong and Canton as a result of the seamen's strike.

The revenue collection from junks shows a slight decrease as compared with the figures for 1921. It must be borne in mind, however, that the figures for 1921, which amounted to HK. \$301,231, included 10 months' famine relief surtax, while the 1922 figures amounted to HK. \$299,819 and only included two months' surtax. Deducting the famine relief surtax collection from both years, the following figures are arrived at:—1921, HK. \$278,698; for 1922, HK. \$291,716. Owing to the suspension of steamer traffic resulting from the seamen's strike, a very considerable quantity of merchandise, for and from Canton, which would in the ordinary course of events have been forwarded by steamer, was sent by rail; consequently, this year's railway collection of HK. \$13,696, two months' famine surtax is quite abnormal and of little value for purposes of comparison. To a very great extent Kowloon's enhanced collection has been made at the expense of Canton's revenue.

AUSTRALIAN PEARS.

FRESH FRUIT EXPORTS.

From one State alone (Tasmania) there will be exported this year to overseas countries 1,402,700 cases. Apples form the bulk of the shipments, but pears and other fresh fruits are being exported. Up to the beginning of March over 200,000 cases of apples had been shipped in steamers of the Commonwealth Government Line.

WOOL AND WHEAT FOR JAPAN. Mr. Y. Ito who has taken over the management of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. in Sydney, states that "Japan wants all the Australian wool and wheat it can get, because of its superiority over American produce."

TIN MINING.

The advance in the price of tin to about £250 a ton has given new life to mining operations in Australia. At Tingha, Ardethan, Mount Heasler, Brinsels, and other important tin-producing centres increasing activities are in evidence. The movement is due to steady buying by American consumers and to the feeling that current production is not equal to the record demand being made for tin-plates.

FLOUR PRODUCTION.

If the Canadian pre-war exports of flour are considered as 100, the Dominion's average export total between 1921 and 1923 can be considered as 207. Comparatively, pre-war exports of the United States being rated at 100, its present export is at the rate of 147. This indicates that Canada has more than doubled her export trade in flour, while the United States has increased its trade by 47 1/2 per cent. Before the war Canada exported 3,832,000 barrels, while at present her exports average 7,885,000 barrels a year.

SALMON PACK.

The salmon pack of British Columbia of the year 1922 totalled 1,290,236 cases, as against 603,648 cases in 1921, according to the annual report of the provincial commissioner of fisheries. The value of the 1922 pack is estimated at \$11,247,000, as against \$8,577,602 in 1921. The pack for 1922 is the fourth largest on record.

AUSTRALIAN SANDALWOOD.

The output of sandalwood, cut in Western Australia in one year, has totalled 170,000 tons. China buys 6,000 tons of Western Australian sandalwood annually.

For a Weak Stomach.

A general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when you feel taken one of Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

PLAGUE EXPERT.

DR. WU LIEN-TEH BOUND
FOR SINGAPORE.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh, the eminent plague expert, who has achieved so much in stamping out plague in Manchuria, passed through here on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" yesterday. Dr. Wu is to represent China at the International Congress of Tropical Medicine to be held in Singapore next month (September 3-17 inclusive). Dr. Wu has promised to read two papers at the forthcoming Congress, namely (1) Plague among Wild Rodents, including latest investigations into the Siberian marmot, and (2) The Original Home of Plague. The important researches carried on by Dr. Wu and his assistants upon the mysterious origin of the devastating Manchurian Plague, which in 1911 killed 60,000 and in 1921 9,000 persons, has brought this Chinese Scientist's name prominently before the world, and his services as a lecturer are much sought after.

Dr. Wu is proceeding direct from Singapore to Japan, where he has been invited by the Government there to give a course of lectures on "Public Health Organisation" in the Imperial Universities of Tokyo, Kyoto and Kyushu.

Dr. Wu took first-class honours in Natural Science at Cambridge University in 1899 and obtained his M. D. degree in 1905.

WATCHMAN FINED.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION
OF AMMUNITION.

Ghulam Khan, an Indian watchman, appeared on remand before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistrate's yesterday to answer a charge of being in unlawful possession of nine rounds of ammunition on August 7. Sergeant Cunningham, of the Water Police, arrested the defendant on a sajan in the harbour.

The defendant, giving evidence on oath, stated that on August 7 he had boarded the s.s. "Khiva" to visit a friend. As he was about to leave the steamer he noticed nine rounds of ammunition lying on deck. He picked them up and told his friend that he would hand them over to the police as soon as he had landed. On the way to the shore, however, he was accosted by Sergeant Cunningham who, apparently not understanding his explanation, arrested him.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100.

V.R.C. FETE.

FINE PROGRAMME FOR
SATURDAY NIGHT.

There will be another Night Fête in the V.R.C. swimming pool, on Saturday at 9 p.m., when a band will be in attendance. An attractive programme has been arranged including "Open High Dive" for which all residents in the Colony are eligible; an "Invitation Race" (150 yards) for which D. Lyon, G. Jack, B. Rasmussen and G. May have entered; "Ladies' and Girls' Events"; "Mixed Nomination"; "Challenge Team Race," in which the U.A.C. will swim against D. Lyon, G. Jack, B. Rasmussen, E. W. Railton, A. Assumpcao (or A. McDade) The final event will be a water polo match between R.A.M.C. and King's B. Reserved seats at \$1.50; non-members' admission \$1.00; members, soldiers and sailors 50 cts.

ARMED ROBBERY.

SHOP LOOTED AT PING
SHAN VILLAGE.

A case of armed robbery has been reported to the police. It appears that at 8 p.m. on August 20, when two *fokis* were sitting outside Cheong Ping's shop in a village near Ping Shan, a small boat, containing four men, drew up to the pier. Two of the men went to the shop and said they wanted to buy 10 piculs of nuts. The shopowner, who was sitting at the counter, told the men that it was too late but he would supply them in the morning. They went back to the boat, but soon returned and tendered 40 cents for some cakes. While the shopkeeper was taking the money, the two other men entered the shop, one pointed a revolver at the *fokis* and the other covered the shopowner, later firing a shot through the shop roof. They tied the shopowner up and ransacked the shop, taking all they could carry away. A description of the robbery is in the hands of the police. The value of the goods stolen has not yet been computed.

STAIRCASE FIGHT.

MAN WITH £8,000 GEMS
BEATS OFF ROBBER.

In daylight, three men attempted to steal a case containing jewellery stated to be worth more than £8,000, from an employee of Mr. H. W. Phillips, jeweller, who occupies the second floor at 13, Poland-street, near Oxford Circus, W.

The jewellery, it is stated, is placed each night in a safe deposit in the neighbourhood, and when the firm's manager, Mr. Bonner, who is 6ft., returned with it recently, he was accosted on the stairs by the men, one of whom took out a revolver.

Mr. Bonner refused to hand over the attaché case containing the jewels, and in a struggle that ensued the four men tumbled down the stairs and into the street, where the assailants vainly tried to wrest the case from Mr. Bonner, who lay over it on the ground.

Two painters at work opposite witnessed the fight, but could not render any help. One had mounted a ladder to untie a second ladder, and his companion held firmly the first ladder. This man said:

If I had released my hold my comrade might have been killed.

The man with the bag put up a rare fight. One of the men struck at him with the revolver and he was bleeding from a wound.

The assailants, who were all well dressed, escaped.

GREAT ENGINEER.

LADY YARROW ON HER
HUSBAND'S WORK.

Lady Yarrow's account of her famous husband's career ("Alfred Yarrow: His Life and Work," Arnold, 10s 6d), is a book which will interest every engineer deeply, for Sir Alfred Yarrow is a prince in his profession.

Early in his life he showed himself an unrivalled designer and constructor of fast torpedo craft and created the destroyer, which of all types has proved the most abiding. He was not fairly treated by the British Admiralty in those early years. It is good to see his plans and gave them to other builders. As the result he published an advertisement in the Press:

"£200 Reward.—It having come to the knowledge of Messrs. Yarrow and Co. that copies of detail drawings of the machinery in H.M. torpedo-boat destroyer "Havock" are being offered for sale, the above reward will be paid to anyone giving such information as will lead to the discovery of the person so offering them for sale.

Subsequently, under severe pressure, the Admiralty acknowledged its debt to him; but after this for a good many years he built little for the British Navy. His vessels in the war rendered wonderful service, and the record for speed is held by one of them, the "Tyrian," which, with a full load of fuel, attained "within a fraction of 40 knots" in 1919.

His ingenuity was shown in a multitude of ways. He invented and supplied to each destroyer he built an excellent sailing waistcoat. He devised a veil for snipers; and he first suggested the use of whale oil to prevent frost-bite and trench feet.

The book is illustrated with admirable photographs and coloured reproductions.

"FOR WHICH I AM VERY THANKFUL"

Transvaal Lady Tells How
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Rescued
Her from a Legacy of Sickness
Left by Malaria.

As in the Far East, Malaria is responsible for many breakdowns of health in South Africa. Here is the experience of Mrs. G. J. Viljoen, a Dutch lady living at 81 Spruit street, Pretoria, Transvaal.

"About eighteen months ago I was restored to perfect health, for which I am very thankful," Mrs. Viljoen says. "Prior to that time for almost two years I was a terrible sufferer. The worst of my health dates from an attack of malarial fever, the after-effects of which I could in no way remove. My blood seemed to become thin and poor; my head was nearly always dizzy, and I had splitting headaches. My digestive organs became disordered, and I suffered horribly after eating anything of a solid nature. I had pains all through my body, my heart was very weak, and I suffered from palpitation. I was in despair, and thought my days were numbered. I had medical advice, and various were the medicines and remedies prescribed for me, including sleeping powders, as I was tormented with insomnia. The healthful functions of Nature were upset (I speak of menstruation). Thank goodness, this has all been changed, and life is now what it used to be, and I am happy and healthy. This restoration I have no hesitation in saying is entirely due to a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

JAPAN CONSIDERS GREAT
BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL.

TOKYO, August 22.

The Government are at present deliberating upon the proposal of Great Britain for the policing of the Chinese railways, after which instructions will be sent to Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister at Peking.

Meanwhile, the proposal, as approved by the Committee, is attracting attention in the Press, of which the *Jiji* alone supports the proposal, declaring that some such steps are necessary to ensure the proper protection of foreign residents in China.

The *Jiji* expresses the hope that the proposal itself will be sufficient to rouse the Chinese Government and people to their responsibility. Should it fail to do so, the plan proposed becomes imperative for the sake of China herself as well as the Powers.

On the other hand, the papers declare that the proposal constitutes the thin end of the wedge of international control, which is held to be inconsistent with the true peace policy and spirit of the Nine-Power Treaty.

The *Yomiuri* expresses the opinion that the proposal is a manifestation of British ambitions towards China, but it declares that it may do good if it awakens China to a realization of the urgency of unification and the restoration of internal order. The paper believes that the proposal is not likely to be accepted by all the Powers, because of the fact that China is resolutely opposed to it.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

U MAN-HON.

BAIL GRANTED IN ARMS
CASE.

The case in which U Man-hon is charged with the possession of one Mauser pistol and one revolver came up before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. Last week, it will be remembered, the case came before Mr. Melbourne, when Mr. Lo appeared for the defence. This morning Mr. Blake appeared to defend. Mr. King asked that the man be committed for trial. A long discussion as to bail took place, finally it was fixed at \$5,000 cash and two further sureties in \$5,000. Hearing was fixed for Tuesday next, when it is stated Mr. F. C. Jenkin will probably appear for the defence.

In the Scottish Association League, Morton defeated Lanark by 2 goals to nil, according to a *Reuter* message from London.

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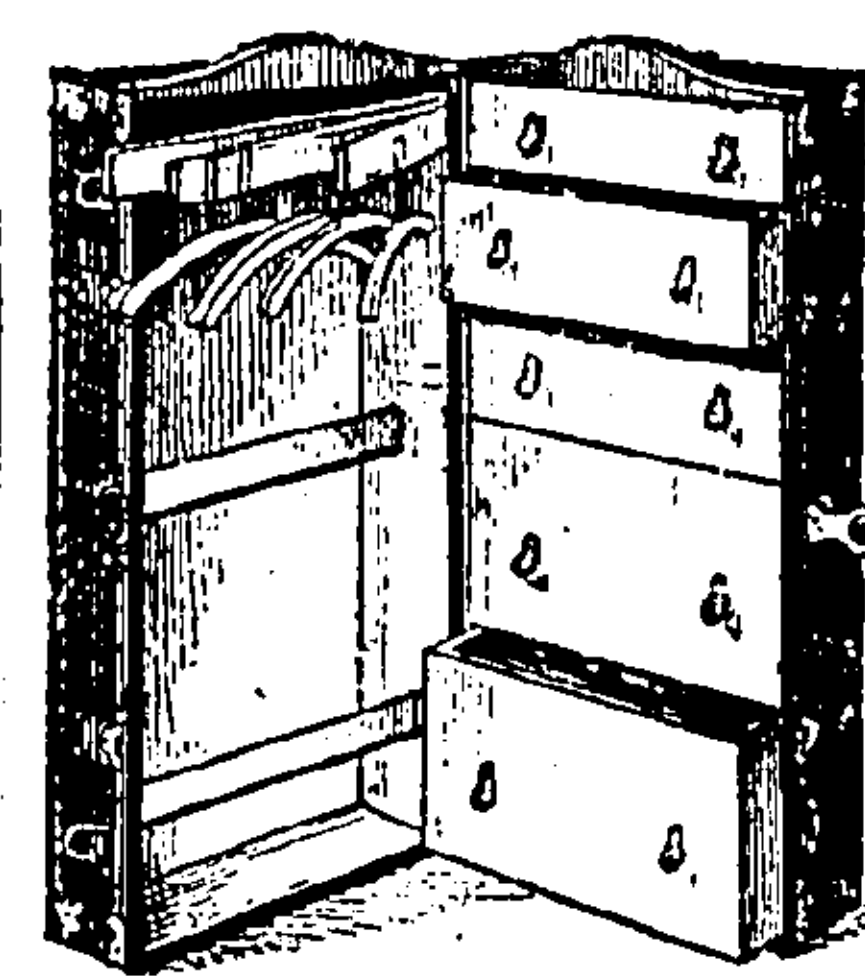
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KITCHENER'S DEATH.

SOME STRANGE LIBEL ALLEGATIONS.

The hearing of an action for alleged libel brought by Lord Alfred Douglas against the *Morning Post* began in the King's Bench Division, London, on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Salter and a special jury.

The words of the plaintiff complaints of appeared in the issue of the *Journal* for April 26, 1922, and are—

"It must no longer be a paying proposition to men like Mr. T. W. H. Crosland and Lord Alfred Douglas to invent vile insinuations against the Jews."

The defendants pleaded that the words were true in substance and fact, and were fair and bona-fide comments on a matter of public interest.

JEWS ATTACKED.

In opening the case for Lord Alfred Douglas Mr. Comyns Carr said that Lord Alfred had evidence from an officer that some powerful influence at the Admiralty was in communication with the Germans, and this accounted for the escape of the German fleet at Jutland. Subsequently another Intelligence Officer, Captain Spencer, gave Lord Alfred certain information. Lord Alfred published the information, and, commenting on it, said that as a result of the first official report of the Battle of Jutland—

"The impression was created that Great Britain had sustained a severe defeat at sea. Instantly British stock in America fell, but within a week the truth was well-known, and British stock in America rose again. It would be of interest to the public to know that, as a result of this fall and rise in stock, a certain financial group of Jews cleared a net profit of £18,000,000."

It may also be said that the Cabinet Minister who drew up and issued the false report about the Battle of Jutland, which produced this fall in stocks, had spent the week-end with one of the most powerful members of the financial group, Sir Ernest Cassel, and came straight from Sir Ernest's house to publish his report, which led the world for a week to believe that the British Navy had been defeated by Germany."

Lord Alfred Douglas adhered in evidence to his statement that a powerful individual at the Admiralty was in league with the Germans. The man he was referring to as having drawn up the false story of the Battle of Jutland was Mr. Winston Churchill, W. T. W. said did not believe Lord Balfour's statement that he drew up the report. Mr. Churchill, he declared, was financially indebted to the Jews, chiefly Cassel. He asserted that Sir Alfred Frapp told him Cassel had given Churchill £40,000 on one cheque, and Lord Cecil Manners showed him a letter which he had written to Balfour at the Admiralty, saying—"If you keep this little brute there, there is sure to be something disgraceful happen before long." "I asked him to come and give evidence, and, of course, he would not come," added Lord Alfred.

KITCHENER'S DEATH.

Counsel asked if the reference to the death of Lord Kitchener in his article, "that brave statement sealed his death" meant that Jews caused the death of Lord Kitchener. "Certainly," replied Lord Alfred.

What information had you to enable you to charge the Jewish race with the murder of Lord Kitchener?—I did not go to that length at the time. I did not have the whole story, and I have not got it now, but I was convinced Lord Kitchener had been murdered to prevent him reaching Russia to prevent the revolution breaking out. I believe it now. Had he got there in time the whole course of history would have been changed, and the Russian revolution would not have taken place, and the war would have been shortened by two years.

Have you any evidence whatever that Lord Kitchener was murdered by Jews?—I had the evidence that he was blown to pieces, and every possible attempt to inquire into the matter was hushed up.

Lord Alfred said that had the *Morning Post* apologized for the words of which he was complaining as a libel he would have accepted that, and nothing more would have been heard of the matter.

Mr. Hastings—Are you adhering to your suggestion that Sir Ernest Cassel made money out of speculation during the week or so after the Jutland battle?—Of course.

Have you any evidence of any kind that Sir Ernest Cassel made a fortune or speculated to the extent of a fortune within six months before or after the Jutland battle?—I have the evidence of which I have told you.

What is that? The story that I was told about what happened at the Admiralty and his connection with Churchill, who was an intimate friend of his. In the negotiations before the war with Germany it was this particular German Jew who was sent over to carry them out in the name of Great Britain. You will find that in Churchill's book.

TOTALISATOR.

FILM LESSON FOR BETS TAX M.P.s.

For the first time the cinema has appeared in the House of Commons. It was accompanied by the totalisator in a joint demonstration in Committee Room No. 9 of the methods of betting used in Australia. The working of the machine for issuing tickets and recording bets was demonstrated to the members of the Committee on the Taxation of Betting—they received specimen betting tickets—and the cinema pictures showed a race in progress on an Australian racetrack and the totalisator actually at work.

Mr. W. H. Grieve, of the Automatic Totalisator Machine Company, Ltd., explained that each horse has a machine to record the number of investors. The grand total of investments on the various horses is shown on the totalisator. Each individual machine is connected with the central indicator, which automatically shows the grand total of money put on every horse.

Betting by the totalisator stops when the race starts, and within four minutes of the finish of the race dividends due to investors can be recorded. There is no human element between the issue of the tickets and the recording of the bets.

Practically there is no time limitation. The smallest machine will allow of recording bets at 100 a minute, and a machine used in Sydney is capable of recording 250,000 bets a minute.

In the machine used for the purposes of the demonstration Mr. Grieve explained that ten shillings was used as the basis for betting, larger amounts being made up of multiples of ten shillings. The machine was controlled entirely by the judge or the starter. Machines for individual horses could be put anywhere on the field, and any number of machines could be used and wired up in conjunction with the central totalisator.

3,000,000 DERBY BETS.

Sir Henry Norman, the chairman, asked how many machines would be needed for the Derby to cope with the business done there. Mr. Grieve said it would be difficult to say, but the number of machines required might be equal to those on the course at Rankin, New South Wales. The machines there were capable of registering 300,000 bets a day.

Mr. Rawlinson, K.C.: What is that? At the Derby the bets number more like 3,000,000. "But you always get your money back," retorted Mr. Grieve. "Last year I went to the Derby and lost all my money—the bookmaker bolted. The totalisator never bolts."

FEWER BOOKMAKERS.

At the end of the demonstration the Committee adjourned to Westminster Hall, where Mr. Grieve was questioned by members. He explained that in New South Wales, where the totalisator was used, the Government took 7 per cent. of the total money invested. Two and three-quarters per cent.

went to the Jockey Club, and 1 1/4 per cent. was taken by the company running the totalisator.

In New Zealand the totalisator was in entire operation to the total exclusion of the bookmaker. Wherever the totalisator had been introduced bookmakers were diminishing.

The Chairman: The totalisator is knocking them out—Yes. Mr. Grieve said that in New South Wales 60 per cent. was allocated to the winning horse and 20 per cent. each to the second and third. For the year ended June 30, 1922, the Government of New South Wales, with a total population of 2,000,000, received from betting £650,000.

Questioned about the accuracy of the totalisator, he agreed that it would be serious if for some mechanical reason the machine failed to record, but he had never heard of any serious complaint on that ground.

On the question of cost, Mr. Grieve said that a totalisator machine capable of dealing with 24 horses would cost £15,000 or £20,000.

Mr. Grieve mentioned that a totalisator machine had been set up recently at a private credit betting club in High Holborn.

WHAT IT MIGHT YIELD.

Calculated on the basis of revenue in New South Wales, the witness thought the total revenue from betting in Great Britain would be £15,000,000, or from the totalisator about £6,000,000.

Mr. Walter John Randall, secretary of the Turf Guardian Society, said it was impossible to form a reliable estimate of the total number of bookmakers of all kinds in Great Britain. He thought 1,500 would be an outside estimate of the number of responsible bookmakers.

SIR HENRY NORMAN: DO YOU REGRET STREET BETTING AS AN UNMITIGATED EVIL?—I DO NOT THINK IT DOES A GREAT DEAL OF HARM UNLESS WOMEN USE THEIR HOUSEKEEPING MONEY.

Mr. Randall added that he had received allegations that police took a lot of money from street bookmakers. He believed that the evil of street betting would be aggravated by licensed ready-money betting offices.

TEMPTATION TO WIVES.

Housewives of the working class would be able to visit the betting offices, and to a woman of unsteady character a betting office would provide a big temptation. Where to find a street bookmaker was now only known to a small minority, but the licensed betting office would be boldly advertised. Some of the offices would be sure to suspend payment, and "welshing" by licensed ready-money betting offices with a large number of customers of the working class would be likely to lead to disorder of some kind.

Mr. Randall said the proportion of people ruined by betting was exceedingly small. He believed £4,000,000 was the outside estimate of the money which bookmakers of all kinds took out of betting in one year, and out of this they had to pay all their expenses. The amount of money put into betting in one normal year was £15,000,000, or £16,000,000.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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SEATTLE.
Aug. 25.—A.O.L. Free. J. J. Jackson. Rhinoceros Maru.
Sept. 5.—N.Y.K. Achilles.
18.—B.F. Free. Madison.
26.—B.F. Phibiotex.
27.—B.F. Tyndarus.
Oct. 1.—A.O.L. Free. McKinley.
12.—A.O.L. Free. Jackson.
18.—N.Y.K. Protellus.
Nov. 21.—B.F. Achilles.
Dec. 18.—B.F. Phibiotex.
Jan. 8.—B.F. Phibiotex.

SAN FRANCISCO.
Aug. 29.—P.M. Free. Pierce.
31.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.
Sept. 6.—U.S.S.B. West Chopra.
15.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru.
22.—U.S.S.B. West Carmora.
23.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru.
Oct. 25.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru.
Nov. 1.—T.K.K. Korea Maru.

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(Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Dumbán and Capetown).
Via Japan, Hongkong, San Francisco, San Pedro, Salto, Oahu, Balboa, Callao, Anica & Iquique.

VALPARAISO.
Aug. 23.—T.I.O. Volunteer.
Sept. 4.—O.N.C. Lingnan.
Oct. 2.—T.K.K. Gyo Maru.
Oct. 20.—T.K.K. Anyo Maru.
Dec. 4.—T.K.K. Seijo Maru.
Jan. 18.—T.K.K. Rakuyo Maru.

PORTLAND.
Aug. 27.—U.S.S.B. West Momentum.
Sept. 14.—U.S.S.B. West Heala.
29.—U.S.S.B. Hannawa.

NEW YORK.
(Via Panama).
Aug. 23.—T.L. Voluncoer.
(Via Suez).
Sept. 1.—N.Y.K. City of Boston.
31.—N.Y.K. Lisbon Maru.
Sept. 1.—P.L. Moorish Prince.
5.—B.F. Antiochus.
12.—D. & Co. Bowes Castle.
15.—B.F. Bellorophon.
19.—N.D.L. Ludwigshafen.
26.—B.F. City of Bagdad.
Oct. 3.—T.K.K. Meiyo Maru.
Oct. 5.—B.F. Persus.
16.—N.D.L. Weser.

BOSTON.
Aug. 25.—B.F. City of Boston.
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SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.
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BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.
Sept. 2.—J.T. Trieste.

BARCELONA & VALENCIA.
Aug. 24.—H.A.L. Maensterland.
Sept. 12.—B.F. La de Panay.
Oct. 5.—H.A.L. Oldenburg.

FOR VALENCIA.
Sept. 20.—E.A. Java.
Oct. 15.—E.A. Afrika.
Nov. 16.—E.A. Chile.

GENOA.
Sept. 16.—G.L. Glesanda.
19.—N.D.L. Ludwigshafen.

20.—R.F. Kt. Templar.
Oct. 15.—N.D.L. Meriones.
10.—B.F. Meriones.

MARSHALLS.
Aug. 28.—P. & O. Silla.
29.—E.L. Sawa Maru.
Sept. 1.—N.Y.K. Agamemnon.
4.—B.F. Patroclus.
7.—P. & O. Macedonia.
16.—O.S.K. London Maru.
23.—B.F. Kt. Templar.
31.—P. & O. Donagela.
31.—E.A. Australien.
Oct. 1.—B.F. Prometheus.
5.—P. & O. Mahtua.
19.—P. & O. Karmala.
27.—B.F. Memnon.
Nov. 2.—P. & O. Caldonia.
4.—P. & O. Nellore.
30.—P. & O. Kalyan.
Dec. 11.—B.F. Kapedon.
Jan. 18.—P. & O. Macedonia.
Feb. 2.—P. & O. Faglar.
Mar. 7.—P. & O. Karmala.
21.—P. & O. Naldera.
Apr. 4.—P. & O. Delta.
18.—P. & O. China.

GIBRALTAR.
Sept. 7.—P. & O. Macedonia.
21.—P. & O. Donagela.
Oct. 1.—P. & O. Karmala.
Nov. 2.—P. & O. Caldonia.
4.—P. & O. Nellore.
30.—P. & O. Kalyan.
Dec. 14.—P. & O. Devanha.

HAVRE.
Sept. 1.—R.F. Agamemnon.
20.—B.F. Patroclus.
Oct. 1.—E.A. Afrika.
Nov. 16.—E.A. Chile.

LONDON.
Aug. 24.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia.
28.—P. & O. Silla.
29.—E.L. Sawa Maru.
31.—E.A. Bolivia.
Sept. 1.—B.F. Patroclus.
8.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia.
10.—B.F. Pyrrhus.
16.—G.L. Glesanda.
17.—B.F. London Maru.
21.—P. & O. Donagela.
23.—P. & O. Empress of Canada.
24.—B.F. Monitor.
28.—E.A. Java.
30.—P. & O. Donagela.
Oct. 4.—O.P.S. Empress of Russia.
7.—P. & O. Mahtua.
5.—E.A. Afrika.
8.—B.F. Agamemnon.
19.—P. & O. Karmala.
23.—P. & O. Silla.
26.—B.F. Patroclus.
Nov. 2.—P. & O. Kalyan.
4.—P. & O. Caldonia.
10.—Nellore.
5.—B.F. Telesias.
6.—B.F. Eumaeus.
15.—E.A. Chile.
16.—P. & O. Mahtua.
24.—P. & O. Sonda.
30.—P. & O. Kalyan.
Dec. 11.—B.F. Sarpedon.
14.—P. & O. Devanha.
22.—P. & O. Kaiser-i-Hind.
Jan. 11.—P. & O. Rhiva.
Feb. 8.—P. & O. Macedonia.
22.—P. & O. Karmala.
Mar. 7.—P. & O. Naldera.
Apr. 4.—P. & O. Delta.
18.—P. & O. China.
May 2.—P. & O. Kalyan.
16.—P. & O. Karmala.

LIVERPOOL.
Sept. 1.—B.F. Agamemnon.
20.—B.F. Patroclus.
Oct. 1.—B.F. Meriones.
25.—B.F. Memnon.

GLASGOW.
Sept. 1.—B.F. Agamemnon.
30.—B.F. Kt. Templar.
Oct. 1.—B.F. Meriones.
10.—B.F. Meriones.

AMSTERDAM.
Aug. 31.—E.A. Bolivia.
Sept. 6.—J.C.J.L. Sapaoro.
23.—E.A. Java.
Oct. 5.—E.A. Afrika.
19.—J.C.J.L. Kertosono.
Nov. 16.—E.A. Chile.

ROTTERDAM.
Aug. 24.—H.A.L. Maensterland.
27.—B.F. Silla.
31.—E.A. Bolivia.
Sept. 6.—J.C.J.L. Sapaoro.
10.—B.F. Pyrrhus.
19.—R.F. Monitor.
18.—G.L. Glesanda.
17.—B.F. London Maru.
19.—N.D.L. Weser.
19.—P. & O. Karmala.
Nov. 2.—P. & O. Caldonia.
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ANTWERP.
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BREMEN.
Oct. 6.—J.C.J.L. Kertosono.

COPENHAGEN.
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Sept. 6.—J.C.J.L. Sapaoro.
Nov. 16.—E.A. Chile.

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DIVORCE EQUALITY.

BILL SUPPORTED BY THE PRIMATE.

The Bill (introduced to Parliament by Mr. Entwistle) to give women the right to divorce their husbands on the sole ground of adultery was given a second reading in the House of Lords by 95 votes to 8, the Archbishop of Canterbury being among those supporting it.

The Bill has already passed the House of Commons by a substantial majority.

Lord Buckmaster, who moved the second reading, pointed out that there was no extension of the grounds of divorce, the only object of the Bill being to place men and women on an equality before the law. He urged that no attempt should be made to expand this Bill into one of giving divorce on grounds of insanity or drunkenness or other causes; in that case the Bill would run the risk of being wrecked.

"People say I am obsessed by this subject," he remarked, in alluding to grievances still left untouched. "I admit I am obsessed by the injustice and the wrong that our laws do to many unoffending people, and I am obsessed by the belief that the laws we enforce have not the sanction of God and offend the justice of man."

Lord Bryce moved the rejection of the Bill. Others described this legislation as "a forward step," but he denounced it as a downward step, and warned the House of the results of easy divorces in America, where, he said, it had resulted in camouflaged polygamy and polyandry.

WEALTHY WIVES.

Lord Birkenhead, supporting the Bill, commented on a suggestion by Lord Bryce that a vicious woman might suggest to her husband that he should commit adultery in order that she might obtain a divorce. "It is extremely unlikely that a man who had not been guilty of adultery before would vary his moral habits for the purpose of providing her with facilities for divorce," he remarked.

In suggesting minor modifications of the Bill, Lord Birkenhead argued that power ought to be given to the courts to grant alimony to a husband whose wife had been unfaithful to him—"if the husband has married a wealthy wife under the belief that on the condition of his good behaviour he has provided for himself for life" (Laughter).

The Archbishop of Canterbury said as the Bill provided for divorce on the ground of adultery, and nothing else, he would support it, believing that the law of God had laid it down that there was no vital distinction in the obligations of morality upon men and women although the law of the land did at present make that distinction.

WHEN PEERS DISAGREE.

Lord Parmoor declared that the majority of high-minded women in the country were against divorce.

"All the high-minded women of the country are not to be found at Church Congresses," snapped Lord Buckmaster, in allusion to Lord Parmoor's interest in ecclesiastical affairs. "When the noble lord tells me that there is no high-minded woman in this country who is in favour of extending the grounds of divorce I regret very much that parliamentary procedure, the limitations of language, and the conditions of courtesy prevent me from being able to say what I think." (Laughter.) Lord Parmoor: I said the majority of high-minded women.

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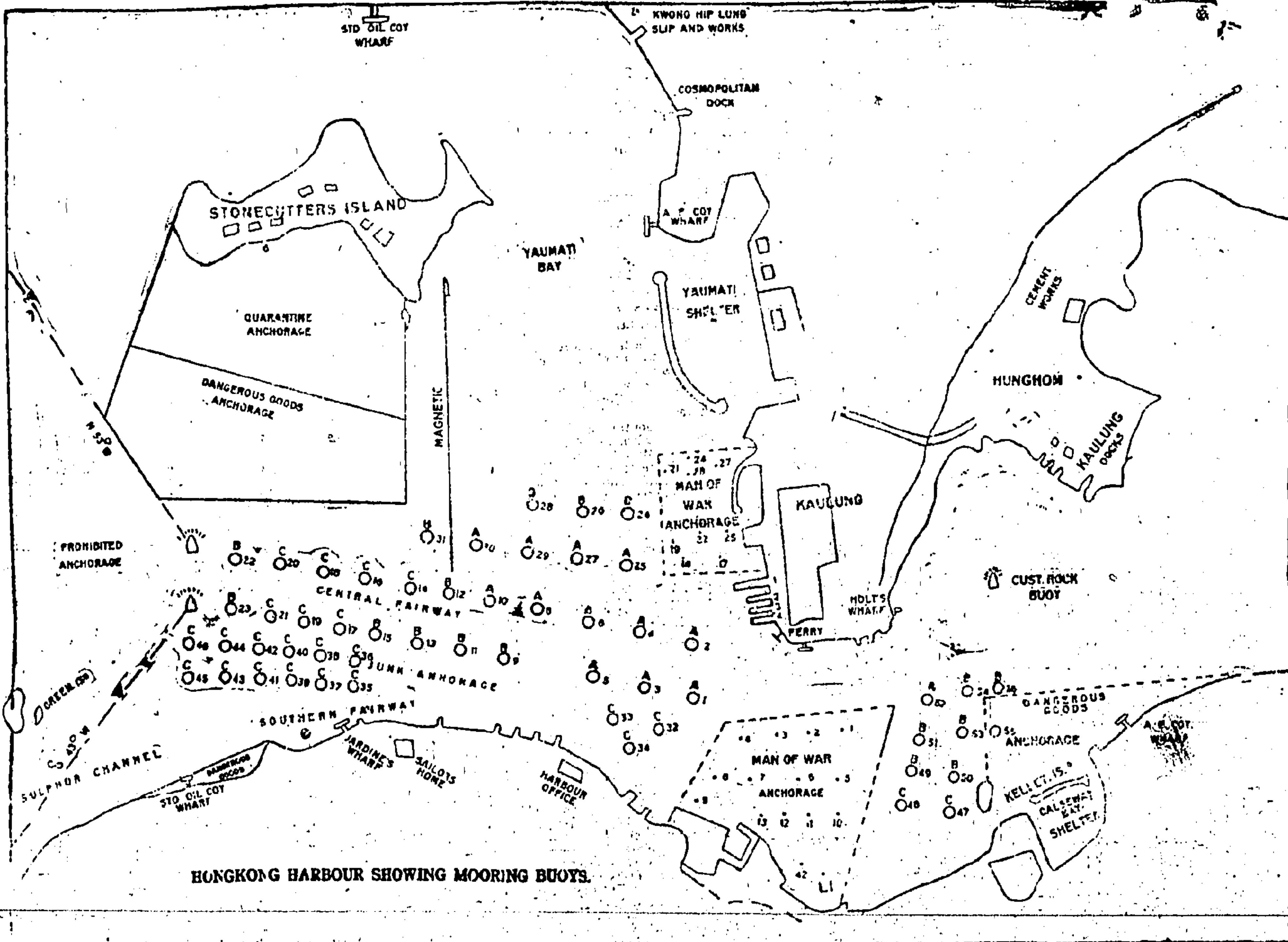
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Miss Margaret Wilson

Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the former President, has entered the advertising business in New York. Her first day at her desk was productive of an excellent contract. After studying at the Women's College, in Baltimore, where she completed her musical education, she studied singing in New York and abroad. During the war she sang in camps in America and in France for the soldiers.



C. W. Clepper

Charles W. Clepper, has confessed the murder of Frank W. Bradley, whose bullet-riddled body was taken to the Police Receiving Hospital there by C. W. Dickson. Clepper declared he fired in self-defence.



Mrs. Mary Lonergan

Mrs. Mary Lonergan, aged 50, a Brooklyn woman, is on trial in that city for the murder of her husband John. Mrs. Lonergan, the mother of 14 children, shot her husband after he had beaten his daughter, Anna, when she went to his bicycle shop to urge him to return to her mother, whom he had deserted.



Ad. Sir Guy Gaunt

Rear Admiral Sir Guy Gaunt, former British naval attaché to Washington, has asked the House of Commons, of which he is a member, to divert all British merchant ships from New York, making Halifax their port of call, as a result of the ruling that ships bearing liquor cannot enter American ports.



Lieut. Col. Fechet and Major-General Patrick

Major-General Mason M. Patrick, is shown receiving the silver wings of a qualified air pilot from Lieutenant-Colonel James E. Fechet. General Patrick, having passed all the tests, is the only Major-General in the Army who is a pilot and the only army officer of 60 ever to have qualified as a flier.



Miss Hazel Eden and Dr. H. N. Mayer

Following reports from Paris that Mme Ganna Walska, wife of Harold McCormick, had permitted herself to be hypnotized before she made her premier appearance at the Paris Opera House, Miss Hazel Eden, coloratura soprano submitted to a similar experiment at the hand of Dr. Harold N. Mayer, former President of the American Medical Association and one of the leading alienists of the country. A striking change was noted in the performance of the artist, and she was able to sing in a range which, under normal conditions, would have been impossible.



Capt. G. W. Steele

Captain G. W. Steele, has been appointed to command the new Zeppelin airship ZR-3, the largest in the world, now being built by the Germans, at Friedrichshaven, for the American Government, under the terms of the treaty of peace.



Pickney Tuck, Jr.

Because America refused to recognize the Russian Soviet Government, Pickney Tuck, Jr., found himself United States Vice-Consul at Vladivostok for just five days, when the Reds ordered him to leave. He has just landed at San Francisco.



Manuel Queson

Manuel Queson, President of the Philippine Senate, charges that Governor General Leonard Wood has been unduly interfering with the internal affairs of the islands. General Wood is invested with supreme authority there now.



Phoenix-3

The Phoenix-3 is the only motorless glider that has ever taken flight, unaided, from the water. The picture was made at Rossitten Germany, on the first coast glider contest held in East Prussia. The glider made a number of successful sustained flights.



Roland W. Boyden

This is the latest photograph of Roland W. Boyden - who has resigned as American unofficial observer on the Inter-Allied Reparations Board in Paris. Colonel James A. Logan, Jr., for years his assistant, has succeeded him. Mr. Boyden resigned because of his desire to resume his law practice.



Irene Castle and Captain Robert E. Treman

Irene Castle Treman, widow of the late Captain Vernon Castle, has instituted divorce proceedings, in Paris, against her second husband, Captain Robert E. Treman, wealthy Ithaca manufacturer. Considerable mystery surrounds the affair, for after the divorce suit was filed she was found dining in Paris with her husband and denied she had authorized the filing of the suit.

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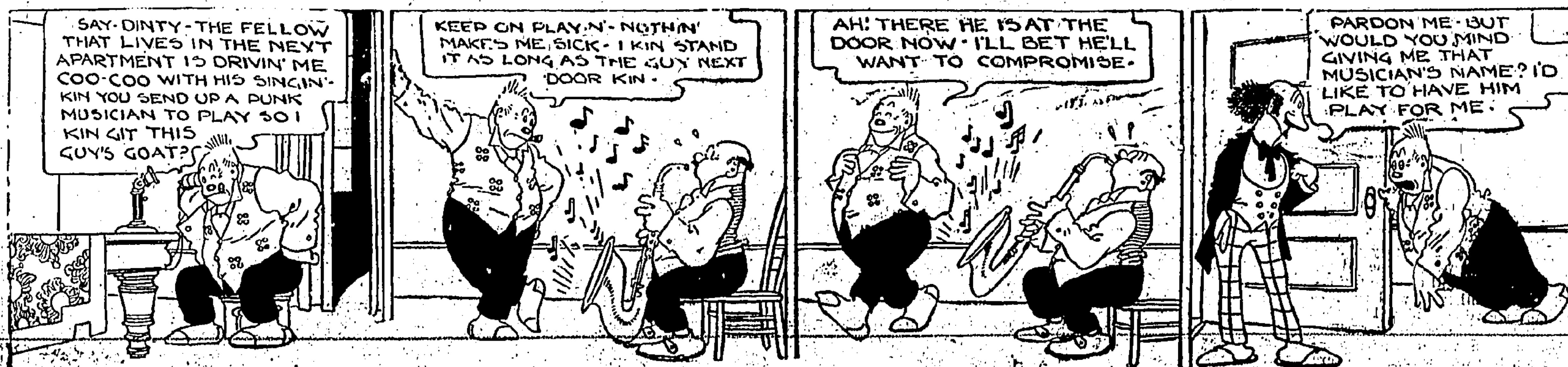
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MURDER CHARGE.

ARREST AT WIFE'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of a Mme. Fuslier, wife of a retired excise official, was stopped dramatically by the police of Le Bourget, near Paris and her husband was arrested on a charge of having killed her.

M. Fuslier, well known at Blancmesnil, a village near Le Bourget, informed the municipal authorities four days ago that his wife had died of a heart attack. A doctor was sent to examine the dead woman, and gave a certificate for burial.

Just before the funeral a nephew of the dead woman rang up the police at Le Bourget to say that he feared that his aunt had been stabbed. An inspector arrived at Blancmesnil as the funeral procession was starting for the cemetery. He stopped the funeral and detained M. Fuslier. The coffin was opened and the woman was found to have been stabbed in the heart.

MUSSOLINI

A MEMORY OF TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Francesco Di Pretoro tells us, in the *Popolo D'Italia*, of a visit he paid to the sleepy little town of Gualtiero in Reggio Emilia, which is like entering a remote world of Mussolini records. Memories of the Bentivoglio family fade before them in the minds of the people to-day, who are proud to have provided one year of peace (even if a little stagnant) to the man who now holds the destinies of Italy in his hands. Mussolini taught in a Government school in an outlying district, and many of the inhabitants remember how he would stride rapidly across the fields, back to Gualtiero directly lessons were over, catch up his gun and be off in search of game, accompanied by some peasants or workmen. He would climb the poplars and touch the heights, laughing gaily with his humble friends. But more often he was silent, buried in books and newspapers, far into the night. The ambitious young schoolmaster, who felt life and talent surging within him, must have laughed somewhat ironically when he remembered that Gualtiero, with a salary of 700 lire a year, was a step up in his profession.

The day came when Mussolini revealed himself to the people, who only dimly realised his remarkable qualities of mind and character. One June day there was to be a commemoration to Garibaldi, and the townspeople and all the countryside trooped into the piazza to hear a great oration, but they could only gaze impatiently at his statue, for no orator arrived. Someone thought of the young schoolmaster who used to make his scholars sing the "Inno di Mameli," the poet of '48. They found him sitting in his shirt-sleeves at the Osteria della Fratellanza; quite simply he accepted the invitation to fill the gap, and, with his coat over his arm, mounted the platform as calmly as though he had been the official orator. The people were spellbound; the evident sincerity of his impassioned words and the living quality of his incisive thought were new to his listeners. While speaking of Garibaldi's toil in bringing about national unity he glanced down at some bare-footed women with a group of ragged children listening to him among the crowd, and on the spur of the moment drew a vivid picture of a great and splendid Italy as dreamed of by the patriots who had died for her, comparing it to the poor, maimed, small Italy they saw before them that June day twenty years ago.

Mr. P. J. Burgess has been elected chairman of the Rubber Growers' Association, and Mr. H. Eric Miller has been appointed vice-chairman. The 21 members of council are Sir Frank A. Sweetenham, G.C.M.G., W. Arthur Addinell, J.L. Burt, W. D. Campbell, A. Oliphant Devitt, Charles Emerson, William Forsythe, W. Greenhill, R. K. Major, T. C. Owen, W. Percy Pickney, Sir West Ridgeway, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., Thomas Ritchie, F. A. Roberts, W. Shakespeare, E. B. Skinner, Hon. C. H. Strutt, H. J. Welch, C. E. Welldon (the foregoing were re-elected); Major Cuthbert, C. L. Fitzwilliams, and E. D. Money.

WEATHER REPORT.

August 22d. 17h. 50m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 21 N. Long. 110 E., moving W.

August 23d. 12h. 25m.—Pressure has decreased moderately at Shanghai and slightly at Haiphong and Manila. It is stationary at Aparri and has increased slightly at Hongkong.

There are no signs of a Balintang Channel typhoon this morning. The typhoon which passed to the south of Hongkong yesterday is approaching Haiphong. The Oshima typhoon has curved westward and now threatens Shanghai.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.06 inch. Total since January 1st, 62.61 inches, against an average of 62.71 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on August 24, 1923.

1—Fortress Channel, Light, variable w. s.

2—off coast of China between 10° 15' and 10° 30' N. E. wind, moderate; fine

3—off coast of China between 10° 30' and 10° 45' N. E. wind, moderate; fine

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Temperature... 81 74 83

Humidity... 81 69 61

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Force... 5 3 3

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23.

Shanghai via Suez (Letters and Papers, London 28th July Letters via Brindisi 24th July and London Parcels 19th July) ... Mantis

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24.

Shanghai ... "eachuan
Manila ... Pres. Jefferson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25.

Straits ... Hakozaki Maru

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26.

Shanghai ... Saiyang

MONDAY, AUGUST 27.

U.S.A., Canada Japan and Shanghai ... President Grant
Australia and Manila ... Victoria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Bombay ... Nagano Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR PER TIMES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23.

Samshul and Wuchow ... Kwong Hung ... 4 p.m.
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Fort Bayard ... Poo Lee ... 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States, Central & South America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—des Vancouver 12th Sept. Ship sails 24th 6 a.m. Parcels 23rd 3 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24.

Shanghai and Japan ... Mantis ... 8.30 a.m.
Hoibow, Pakhoi and Hiphong ... Takwa Maru ... 8.30 a.m.
Straits ... Tjipans ... 9 a.m.
Salgo ... Halvard ... 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Amakus Maru ... 11 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta ... Lusan ... 1 p.m.
Manila ... Perseus Castle ... 5 p.m.
Shanghai ... Tjiboot ... 5 p.m.
Hoibow and Haiphong ... Katsang ... 5 p.m.
Lusan ... 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25.

Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... Yunnan ... 8 a.m.
Manila ... Wenganz ... 8 p.m.
Weihaiwei ... Kueichow ... 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States, Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—des Victoria B.C. 14th Sept. Ship sails 24th 10 a.m. Parcels 23rd 3 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26.

Manila ... President Jefferson ... 5 p.m.
Achilles ... 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Marquod, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles 30th Sept. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Manila ... Ruw. Maru ... 3.30 p.m.
Pres. Grant ... 3.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Marquod, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles 30th Sept. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Manila ... Ruw. Maru ... 3.30 p.m.
Pres. Grant ... 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Marquod, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles 30th Sept. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Manila ... Ruw. Maru ... 3.30 p.m.
Pres. Grant ... 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Marquod, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles 30th Sept. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Manila ... Ruw. Maru ... 3.30 p.m.
Pres. Grant ... 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Marquod, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles 30th Sept. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Manila ... Ruw. Maru ... 3.30 p.m.
Pres. Grant ... 3.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Marquod, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—des Marseilles 30th Sept. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

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